

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming device connected to an external device, the image forming device comprising:
 - an image forming unit forming images on a recording medium;
 - a reception unit receiving a reset signal transmitted from an external device;
 - a reset process unit executing a reset process to reset the image forming unit;
 - a reset process control unit selectively controlling the reset process unit to execute the reset process in a manner that the reset process control unit controls, during a reset signal valid mode, the reset process unit to execute the reset process upon receipt of the reset signal and that the reset process control unit ignores, during a reset signal invalid mode, input of the reset signal, and fails to control the reset process unit to execute the reset process; and
 - a sleep mode control unit bringing the image forming unit into a sleep mode when no print job is inputted within a prescribed time after the image forming unit has completed a printing process, the image forming unit being capable of receiving a print job during the sleep mode and consuming power less than while the image forming unit is executing a printing process;
 - a sleep-mode judging unit judging, when the reception unit receives the reset signal, whether or not the image forming unit is in the sleep mode; and
 - an auto-select mode setting unit setting the reset process control unit into either one of the reset signal valid mode and the reset signal invalid mode automatically dependent upon ~~an operation state of the image forming unit~~ the determined results of the sleep-mode judging unit.

2. (Previously Presented) An image forming device according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a selecting unit enabling a user to select one mode from among the reset signal valid mode and the reset signal invalid mode;

a reset signal valid mode setting unit judging, when the reception unit receives the reset signal, whether or not the user has selected the reset signal valid mode, and setting the reset process control unit into the reset signal valid mode when the user has selected the reset signal valid mode; and

a reset signal invalid mode setting unit judging, when the reception unit receives the reset signal, whether or not the user has selected the reset signal invalid mode, and setting the reset process control unit into the reset signal invalid mode when the user has selected the reset signal invalid mode.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) An image forming device according to ~~Claim 3~~, Claim 1, wherein when the sleep-mode judging unit determines that the image forming unit is being in the sleep mode, the reset process control unit in the reset signal valid mode controls the sleep mode control unit to cancel the sleep mode and controls the reset process unit to execute the reset process, and

wherein when the sleep-mode judging unit determines that the image forming unit is being in the sleep mode, the reset process control unit in the reset signal invalid mode controls the sleep mode control unit to fail to cancel the sleep mode and the reset process unit to fail to execute the reset process.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An image forming device according to ~~Claim 5~~, Claim 1, wherein the auto-select mode setting unit sets the reset process control unit into the reset

signal valid mode when the sleep-mode judging unit determines that the image forming unit is not in the sleep mode, the auto-select mode setting unit setting the reset process control unit into the reset signal invalid mode when the sleep-mode judging unit determines that the image forming unit is in the sleep mode.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming device according to Claim 2, wherein the selecting unit enables the user to select one mode from among the reset signal valid mode, the reset signal invalid mode, and ~~the~~an auto-select mode, the ~~selecting unit enabling the auto-select mode setting unit to perform~~performing its setting operation when the user has selected the auto-select mode.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming device according to ~~Claim 1, Claim~~
7, further comprising:

~~_____ a selecting unit that enables the user to select one mode from among at least two of the reset signal valid mode, the reset signal invalid mode, and an auto-select mode,~~

~~_____ the image forming device further comprising:~~

~~_____ a display unit displaying results of the user's selection attained by the selecting unit;~~unit.

~~_____ a mode setting unit executing a setting operation when the reception unit receives the reset signal, the mode setting unit setting the reset process control unit into the reset signal valid mode when the user has selected the reset signal valid mode, setting the reset process control unit into the reset signal invalid mode when the user has selected the reset signal invalid mode, and setting the reset process control unit into the auto-select mode when the user has selected the auto-select mode; and~~

~~_____ a sleep-mode judging unit judging, when the reset process control unit is set into the auto-select mode, whether the image forming unit is in a sleep mode, and~~

~~setting the reset process control unit in the auto-select mode into the reset signal valid mode when the image forming unit is not in the sleep mode and setting the reset process control unit in the auto-select mode into the reset signal invalid mode when the image forming unit is in the sleep mode.~~

10. (Original) An image forming device according to Claim 1, wherein the reception unit receives the reset signal from the external device at least when power to the external device is turned on.

11. (Previously Presented) An image forming device according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a warm-up process unit executing a warm-up operation for controlling the image forming unit to perform preparation operation for the printing process,

wherein the reset process unit executes as the reset process a print data initialization process for initializing print data, a print settings data initialization process for initializing print settings data, and a warm-up operation initiation process for directing the warm-up process unit to begin a warm-up operation.

12. (Original) An image forming device according to Claim 1, wherein the reception unit receives the reset signal, which is transmitted from the external device via a parallel interface cable.

13. (Previously Presented) An image forming device according to Claim 1, wherein the reception unit includes:

a parallel interface port capable of connecting to the parallel interface cable;

and

a network port capable of connecting to a network cable; and

the image forming device further comprises a reset signal invalid mode auto-select unit automatically setting the reset process control unit into the reset signal invalid

mode when the parallel interface cable is connected to the parallel interface port and the network cable is connected to the network port.